

REMARKS

Favorable and prompt allowance of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

Claim 24 is currently allowed. Claims 5, 13, 18 and 26 are identified as reciting allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-4, 8-12, 16, 17, 19 and 20 are rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 6 of U.S. patent 7,230,154 (*Sigurjonsson*) in view of U.S. patent 6,461,467 (*Blatchford*), and claims 25 and 27 are rejected as applied to claim 1 and further in view of U.S. patent 6,207,875 (*Lindqvist*).

Since *Sigurjonsson* and the pending application are commonly owned, a proper terminal disclaimer is provided herewith which obviates the non-statutory obviousness-type double-patenting rejection.

No new issues requiring further searching arise by the filing of the terminal disclaimer.

In view of the terminal disclaimer, it is submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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